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1. WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY KEY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO
CONTINUE TO ASSIST CESEDEN TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF ITS NATO
STUDY THIS FALL. CESEDEN'S OWN DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, VICE ADMIRAL
MORENO, IS CLEARLY OPEN TO SUCH EFFORTS.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF D, MORENO WISHES TO SEND THE PARTICIPANTS
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TO NAPLES EARLY IN OCTOBER. NO OTHER TRIPS ABROAD ARE PLANNED

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AT PRESENT EXCEPT FOR THAT TO THE UNITED STATES IN LATE NOV/DEC. ALSO, WE ARE TO BE GIVEN SHORTLY A LIST OF PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF INTEREST, WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT TO USNATO AND OTHER ADDRESSEES WITH A REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF STUDY MATERIALS AND NAMES OF POSSIBLE SPEAKERS WILLING TO TRAVEL TO MADRID.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, MORENO IS NOW THINKING IN SOMEWHAT MORE GRANDIOSE TERMS. FIRST, THE EASY PART: HE AGREES WITH THE VISIT OUTLINE CONTAINED IN PARA 4 OF REF B, INCLUDING VISIT TO SACLANT, WISHING ONLY TO ADD TO THE SCHEDULE DURING THE WEEK OF NOV 29-DEC 3 A VISIT TO THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES IN WASHINGTON. THE GROUP, WHICH MORENO INDICATES SHOULD NUMBER 30-35 OFFICIALS PLUS SEVERAL WIVES, IS THINKING IN TERMS OF SPENDING THE WEEKEND OF NOV 27-28 PRIVATELY IN NEWYORK, PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON ACCORDING TO THE SPECIFIC SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY THE DEPT.

4. NEXT, THE REQUIREMENTS: BRANDISHING REPORTS OF A SPANISH MILITARY STUDY TRIP MADE THROUGH THE US IN 1968 AT US EXPENSE, MORENO INDICATED A STRONG DESIRE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY A VISIT TO WASHINGTON-NORFOLK BY HAVING THE GROUP SPEND A SECOND WEEK OR MORE TRAVELING IN THE US (WITHOUT WIVES.) ON HIS LIST OF PRIORITY VISITS ARE THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE (NEWPORT), THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE (CARLISLE BARRACKS), THE AIR WAR COLLEGE (MONTGOMERY), AND SAC HQ., WITH INTEREST ALSO BEING EXPRESSED IN VISITS TO NASA AND NUCLEAR POWER INSTALLATIONS, MISSILE SITES, AND MILITARY INDUSTRIAL PLANTS.

5. MONEY IS A MAJOR PROBLEM. MORENO UNDERSTANDS THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN PARA 5 OF REF B AND, WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST WEEK'S PROGRAM, HE ASKS ONLY IF VOQ OR REDUCED HOTEL RATES COULD BB OBTAINED. HIS SECOND WEEK PROPOSAL SEEMS CLEARLY TO DEPEND, HOWEVER, ON THE AVAILABILITY OF US MILITARY AIRLIFT. WE URGE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF HIS PROPOSAL, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY AND OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THE MILITARY PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME OF HIGH QUALITY AND LESS THAN CONVINCED ADVOCATES OF SPAIN'S JOINING THE ALLIANCE. (EVEN OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S TWO PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS, ONE IS SAID TO BE CRITICAL OF NATO.)
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6. AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE HELPFUL.
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